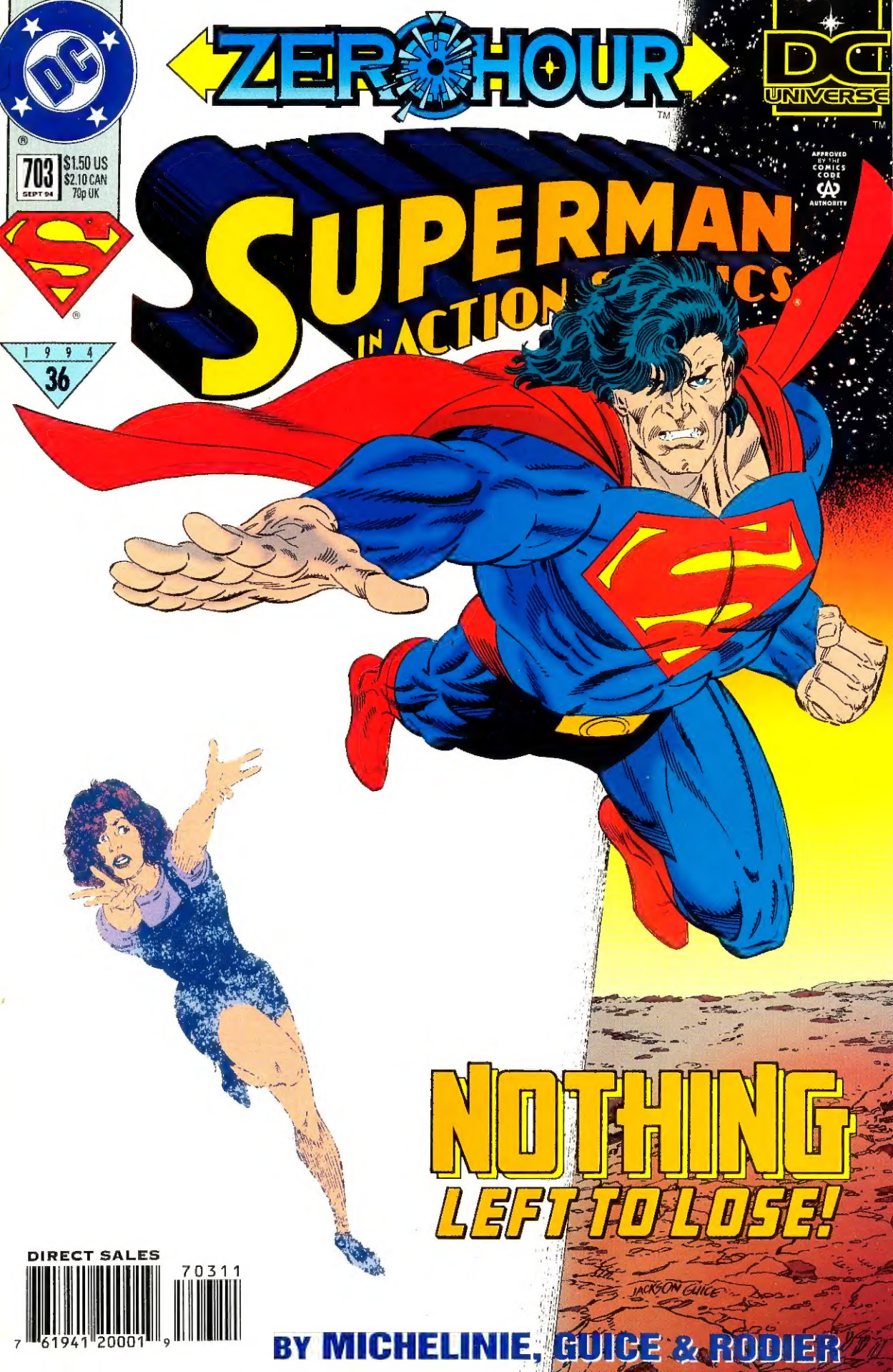
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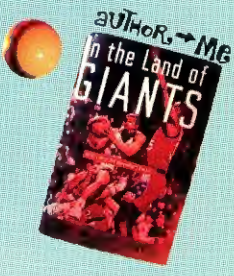

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...STARRO, THE CONQUEROR!
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"--ARM!"

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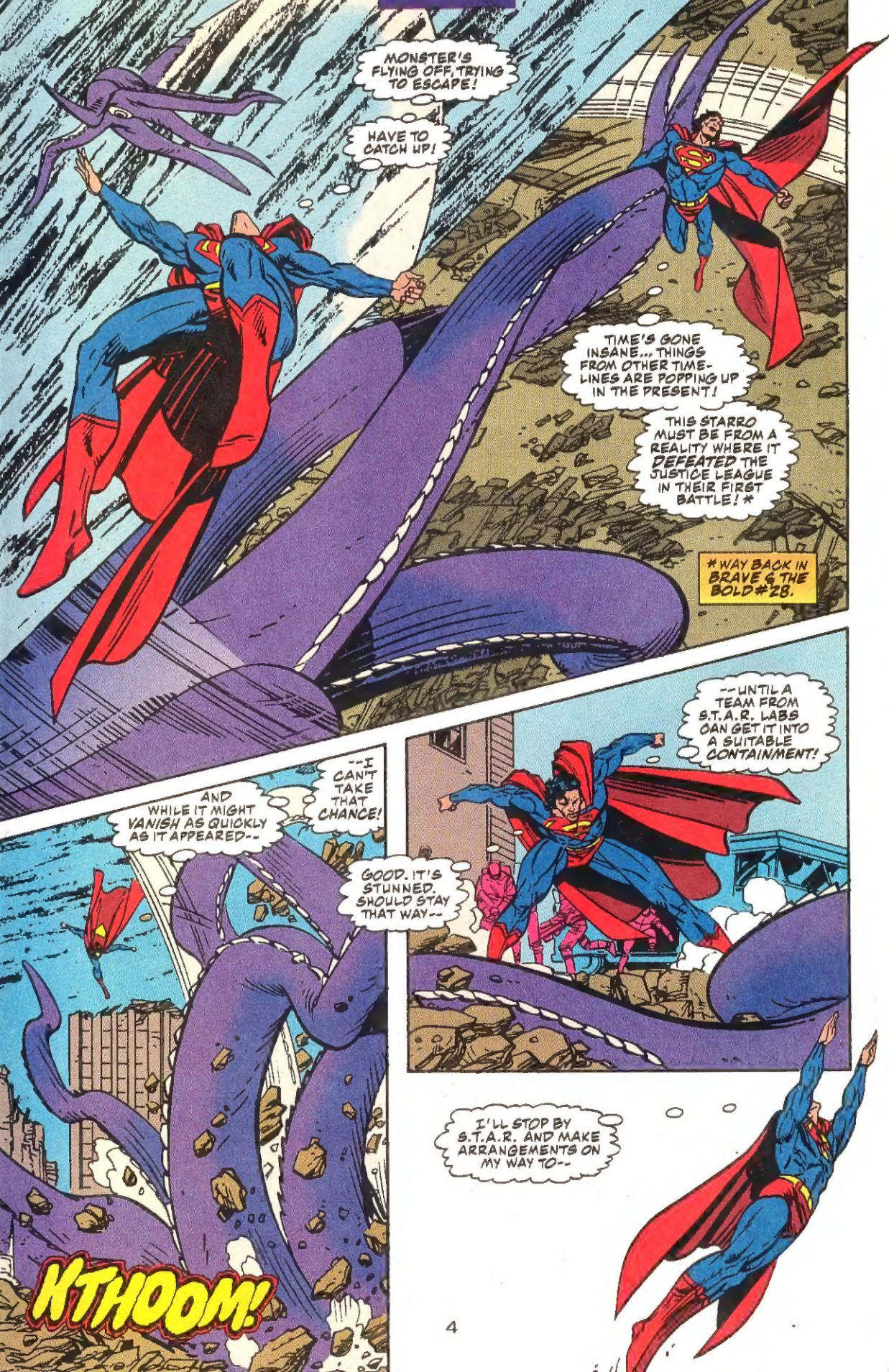
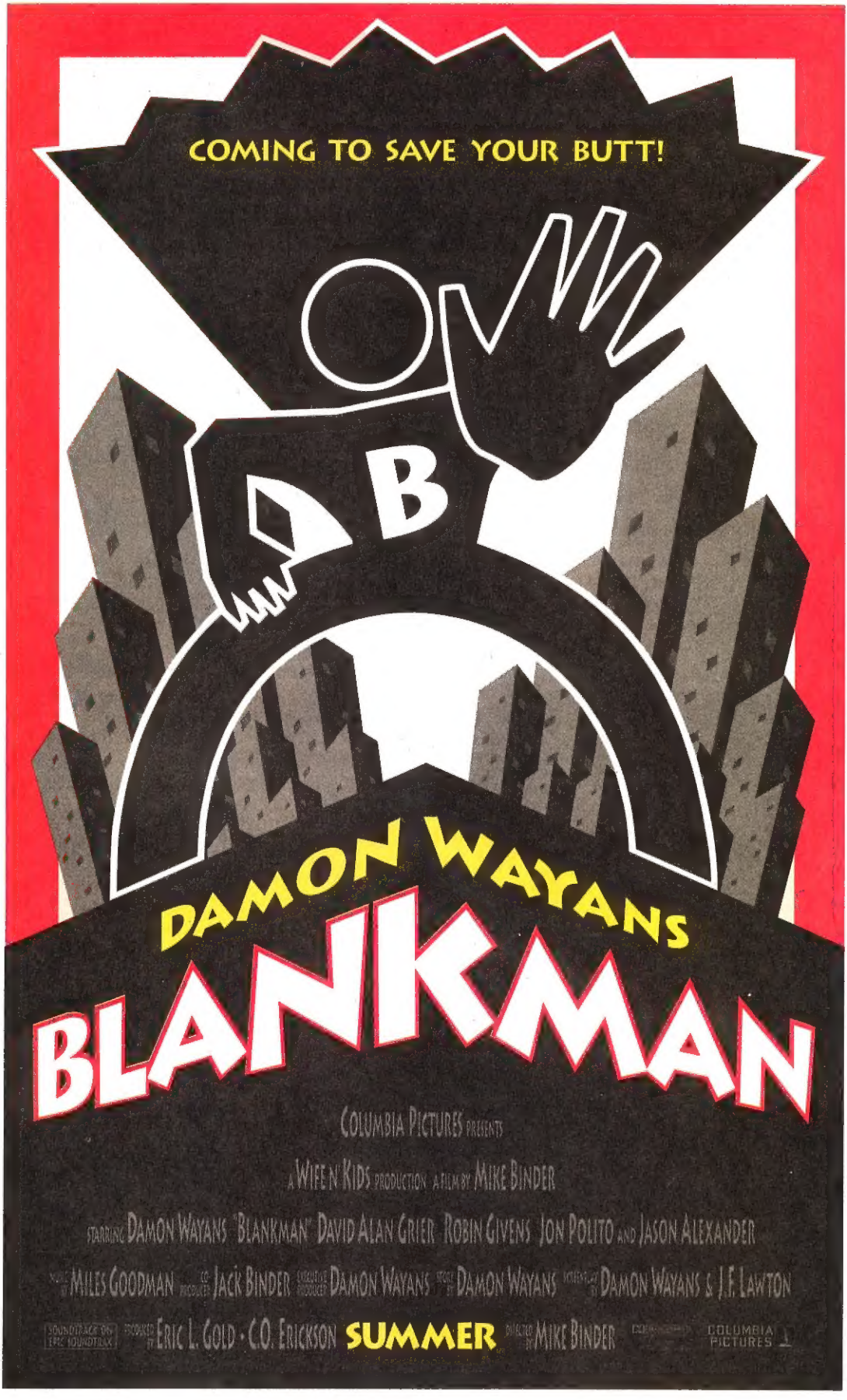

MONSTER'S FLYING OFF, TRYING TO ESCAPE!
HAVE TO CATCH UP!
TIME'S GONE INSANE... THINGS FROM OTHER TIME-LINES ARE POPPING UP IN THE PRESENT!
THIS STARRO MUST BE FROM A REALITY WHERE IT DEFEATED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IN THEIR FIRST BATTLE! *
* WAY BACK IN BRAVE & THE BOLD #28.
--UNTIL A TEAM FROM S.T.A.R. LABS CAN GET IT INTO A SUITABLE CONTAINMENT!
--I CAN'T TAKE THAT CHANCE!
AND WHILE IT MIGHT VANISH AS QUICKLY AS IT APPEARED--
GOOD. IT'S STUNNED. SHOULD STAY THAT WAY--
I'LL STOP BY S.T.A.R. AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ON MY WAY TO--
KTHOOM!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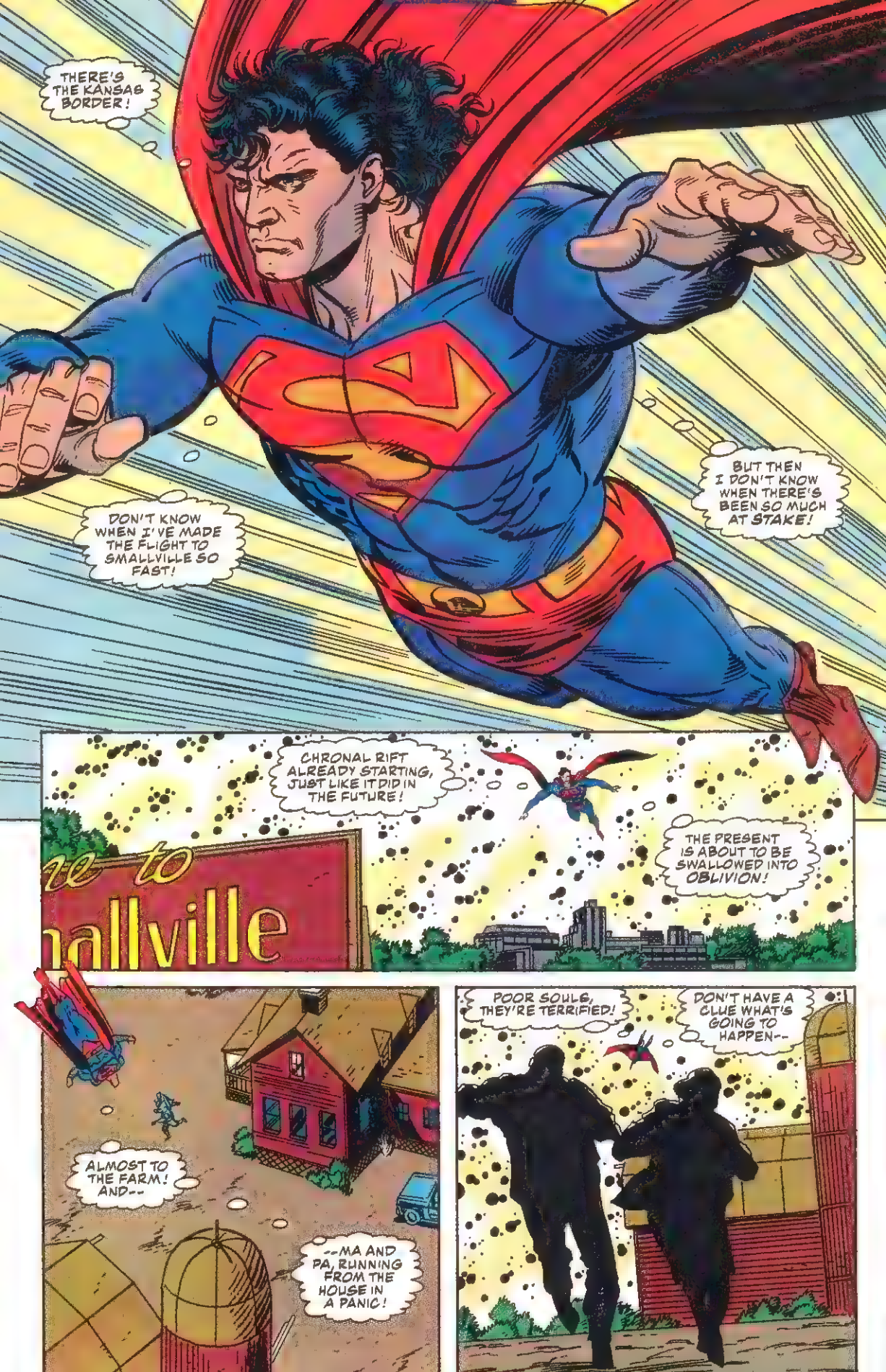
"--WORK!"
DAILY PLANET
METROPOLIS
--BUT WE STILL HAVE A NEWSPAPER TO GET OUT! LOOK ALIVE!
THIS TEMPORARY FIELD OFFICE MAY LACK AMENITIES, PEOPLE--
BUT, MR. WHITE, COMMUNICATIONS ARE DOWN! THAT STARFISH THING--!
USE CELLULAR UNITS, MURPHY! WALKIE-TALKIES! SHOE PHONES!
DO I HAVE TO THINK OF EVERYTHING?
BETTER NOT LET PERRY CATCH YOU GRABBING A SNACK, LOIS!
"SNACK"? THIS IS LUNCH!
AND BREAKFAST WAS HALF A BOX OF TIC TACS!
I HAVEN'T SLEPT IN--
shhh. IT'S OKAY. THE WORST IS OVER.
WE STOPPED THE CHRONAL DETERIORATION IN THE FUTURE! *
OH, CLARK, THAT'S WONDERFUL!
* SEE ZERO HOUR #2.
AND THE OTHER HEROES HAVE GONE TO THE PAST TO DO THE SAME THERE. I CAME BACK HERE IN CASE SUPERMAN WAS NEEDED TO HANDLE EMERGENCIES.
BUT AT LEAST THE END IS IN--

"--SIGHT!"
LOOK!
L-LOOK AT MR. WHITE!
WHAT THE--?
IT'S PERRY! HE'S STARTING TO--
"--FADE AWAY?"
G-GREAT SHADES OF ELVIS!
S-S-SOMEONE GET A CAMERA...!
CLARK! HE... HE'S GONE!
P-PERRY WHITE JUST... DIS-APPEARED?
OH, NO! IT'S HAPPENED TO THE CHIEF, TOO?
TOO?!?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, JIMMY?
I JUST HEARD! ALL OVER METROPOLIS--
--FOLKS ARE WINKING OUT, THE OLDEST ONES FIRST!
THEN WE FAILED! TIME IS STILL CONSUMING ITSELF FROM BOTH ENDS!
AS THE PAST DISAPPEARS, PEOPLE BORN IN THAT PAST ARE CEASING TO EXIST NOW!
PERRY WENT FIRST BECAUSE HE WAS THE OLDEST HERE! BUT HE'S ONLY A LITTLE OLDER THAN--
--MA?
HEY, WHERE'D CLARK GO?
I, UH, THINK HE HAD TO CHECK ON SOMEONE.
SOUNDS SMART! I'D BETTER SEE IF LUCY'S OKAY!
HOW 'BOUT YOU, LOIS? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
I'M A REPORTER, JIMMY.
I'M GOING TO DO MY JOB.


THERE'S THE KANSAS BORDER!
DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE MADE THE FLIGHT TO SMALLVILLE SO FAST!
BUT THEN I DON'T KNOW WHEN THERE'S BEEN SO MUCH AT STAKE!
CHRONAL RIFT ALREADY STARTING, JUST LIKE IT DID IN THE FUTURE!
THE PRESENT IS ABOUT TO BE SWALLOWED INTO OBLIVION!
ALMOST TO THE FARM! AND--
--MA AND PA, RUNNING FROM THE HOUSE IN A PANIC!
POOR SOULS, THEY'RE TERRIFIED!
DON'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN--

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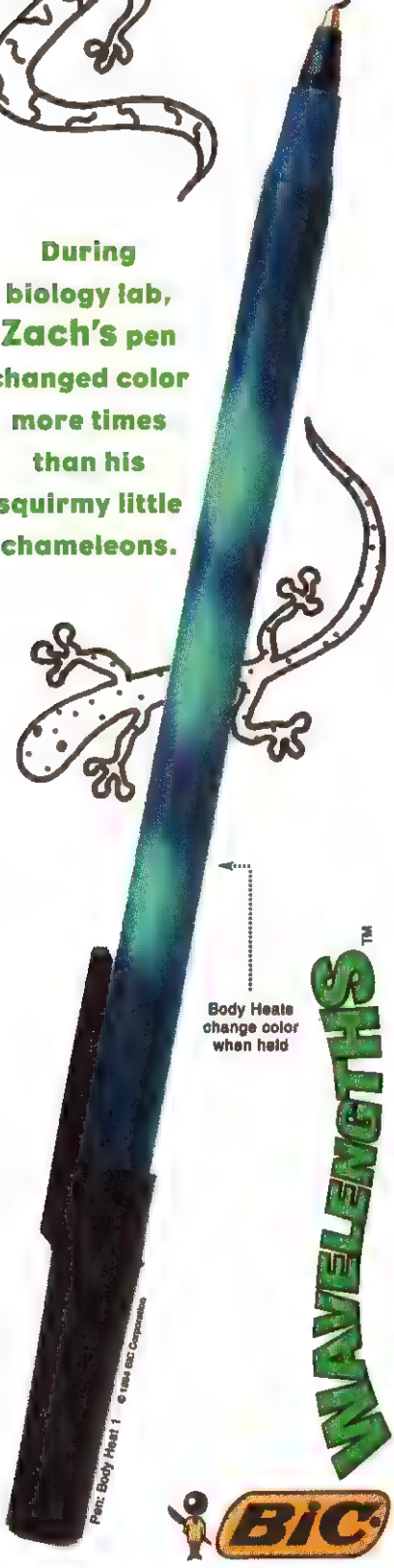

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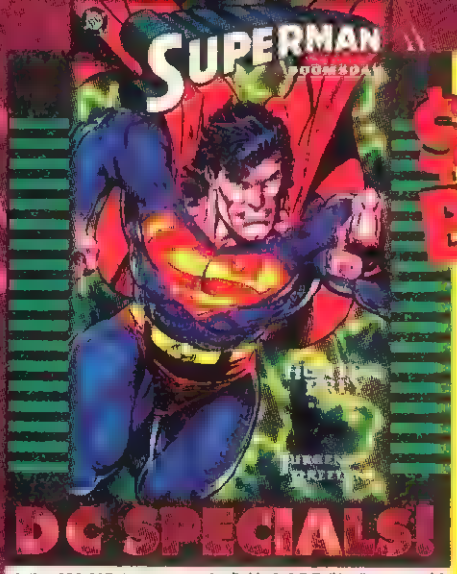

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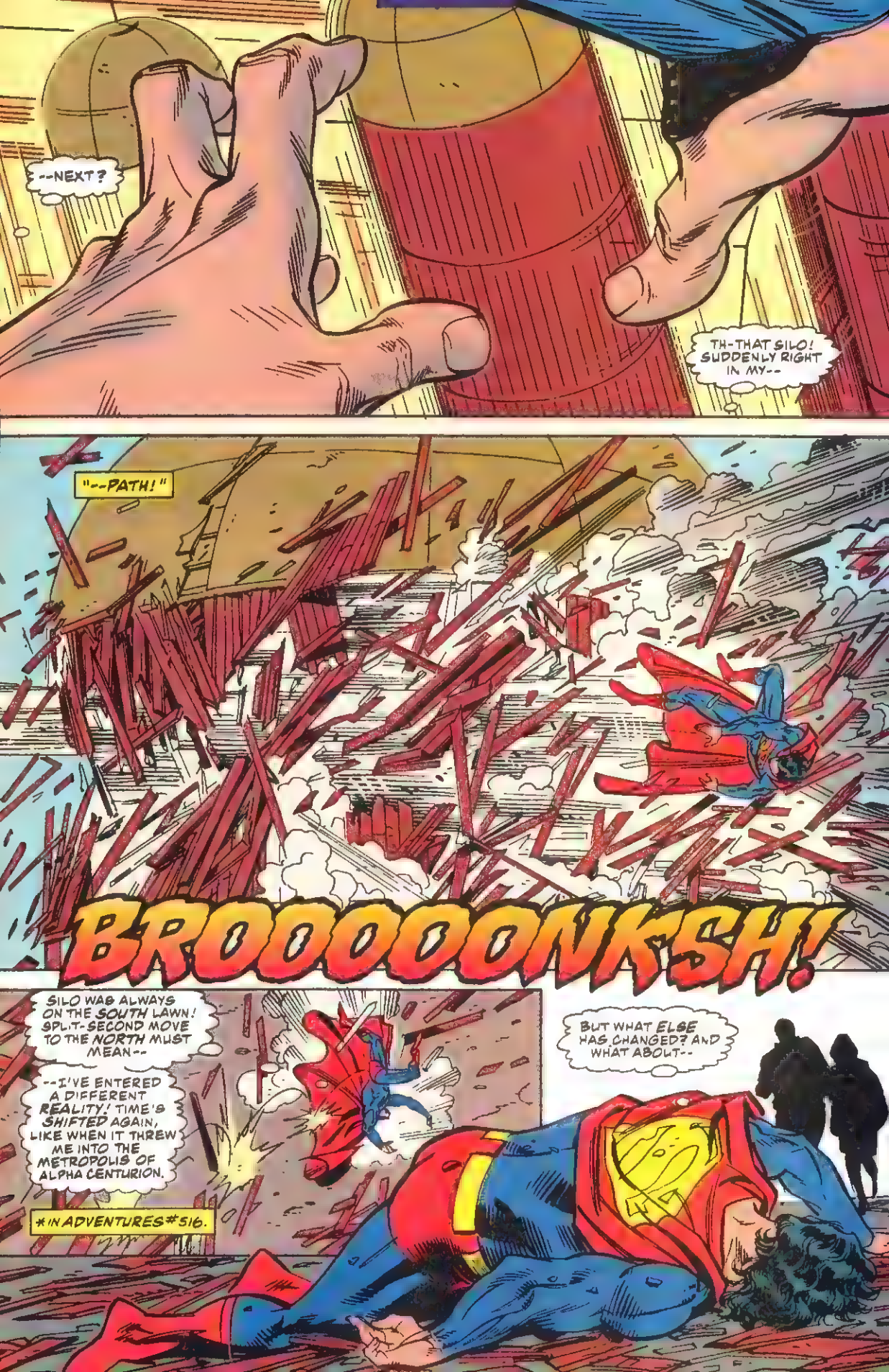
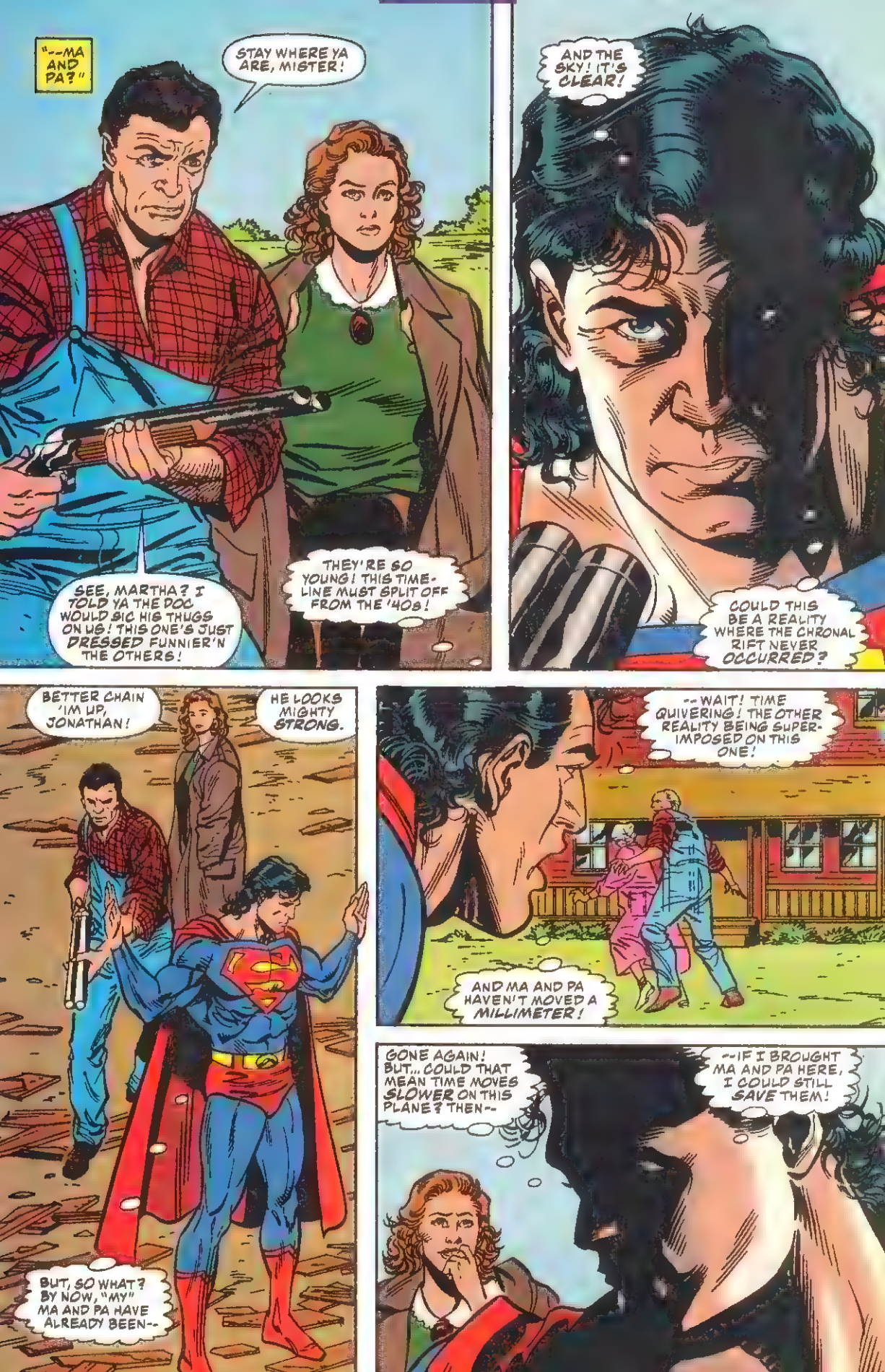

--NEXT?
TH-THAT SILO! SUDDENLY RIGHT IN MY--
"--PATH!"
BROOOOONKSH!
SILO WAS ALWAYS ON THE SOUTH LAWN! SPLIT-SECOND MOVE TO THE NORTH MUST MEAN--
--I'VE ENTERED A DIFFERENT REALITY! TIME'S SHIFTED AGAIN, LIKE WHEN IT THREW ME INTO THE METROPOLIS OF ALPHA CENTURION.
*IN ADVENTURES #516.
BUT WHAT ELSE HAS CHANGED? AND WHAT ABOUT--


"--MA AND PA?"
STAY WHERE YA ARE, MISTER!
SEE, MARTHA? I TOLD YA THE DOC WOULD SIC HIS THUGS ON US! THIS ONE'S JUST DRESSED FUNNIER'N THE OTHERS!
THEY'RE SO YOUNG! THIS TIME-LINE MUST SPLIT OFF FROM THE '40s!
AND THE SKY! IT'S CLEAR!
COULD THIS BE A REALITY WHERE THE CHRONAL RIFT NEVER OCCURRED?
BETTER CHAIN 'IM UP, JONATHAN!
HE LOOKS MIGHTY STRONG.
BUT, SO WHAT? BY NOW, "MY" MA AND PA HAVE ALREADY BEEN--
--WAIT! TIME QUIVERING! THE OTHER REALITY BEING SUPER-IMPOSED ON THIS ONE!
AND MA AND PA HAVEN'T MOVED A MILLIMETER!
GONE AGAIN! BUT... COULD THAT MEAN TIME MOVES SLOWER ON THIS PLANE? THEN--
--IF I BROUGHT MA AND PA HERE, I COULD STILL SAVE THEM!

HOLD THAT SCATTERGUN ON 'IM, MARTHA. I'LL GET THE CHAINS.
LOOK, I DON'T WANT TROUBLE, BUT I LITERALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR--
--}aghk!{--
G-GREEN ROCK! KRYPTONITE?
M-MUST BE THE CHUNK THAT LODGED IN THE BIRTHING MATRIX... THAT BROUGHT ME TO EARTH!
THAT'S CRAZY TALK! YOU ARE ONE OF VALE'S MEN!
AND THE ONLY THING KEEPS ME FROM PULLIN' THIS TRIGGER IS MAYBE YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT KIND OF MONSTER HE REALLY IS!
WE SURE DIDN'T KNOW...
"...'TIL THE NIGHT WE CAME BACK FROM A WEEKEND IN KANSAS CITY. A NEIGHBOR CALLED, SAID SHE'D SEEN SOMETHIN' ODD--
"--IN THE FIELD BEHIND OUR HOUSE! WHEN WE WENT TO LOOK, WE FOUND A CRATER, LIKE SOMETHIN' HAD CRASHED THERE!

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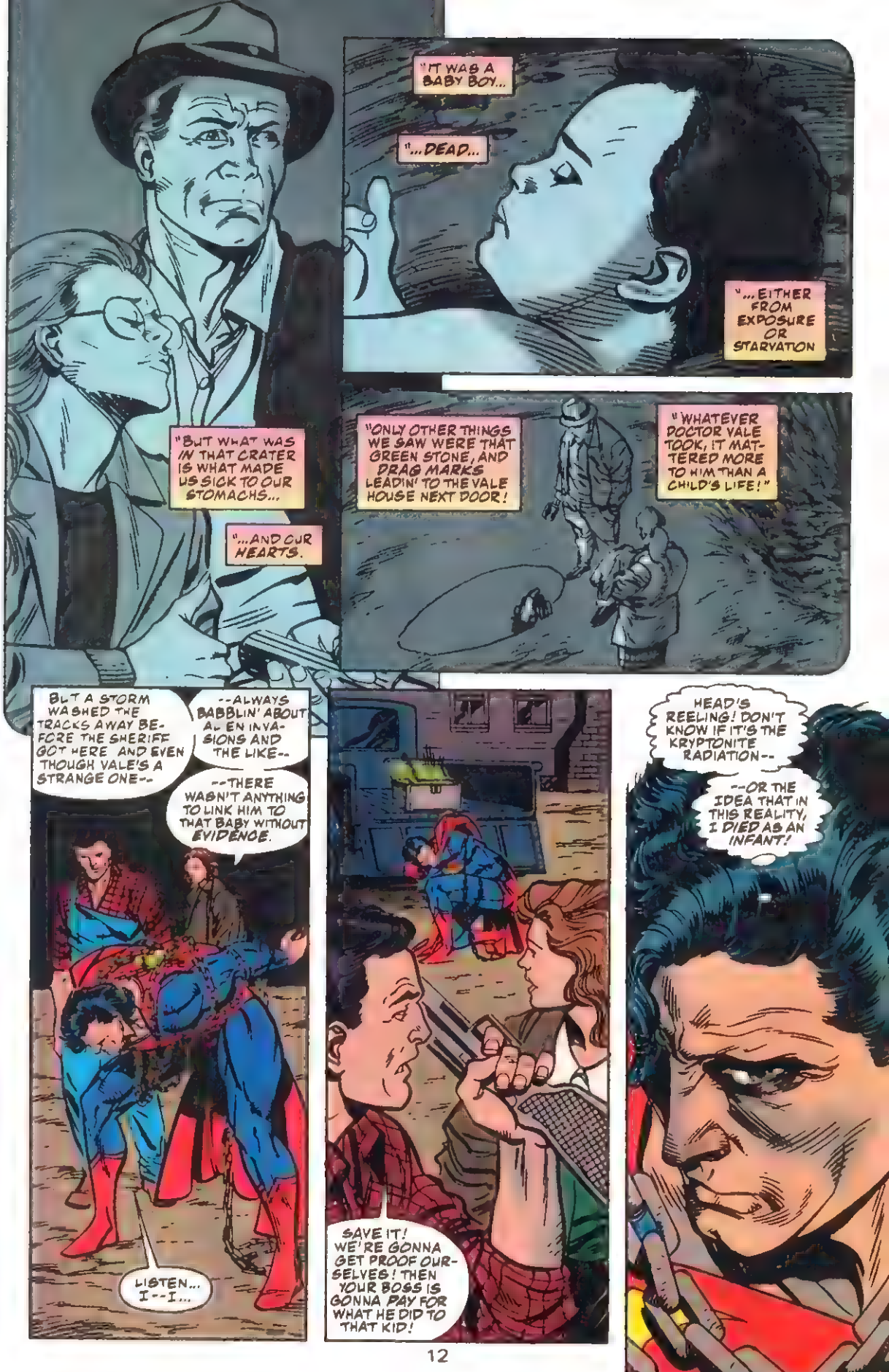
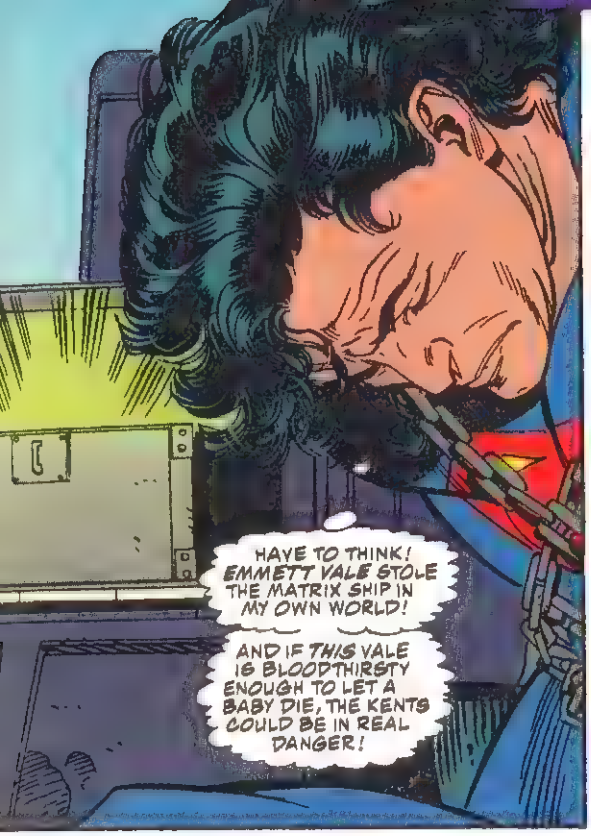
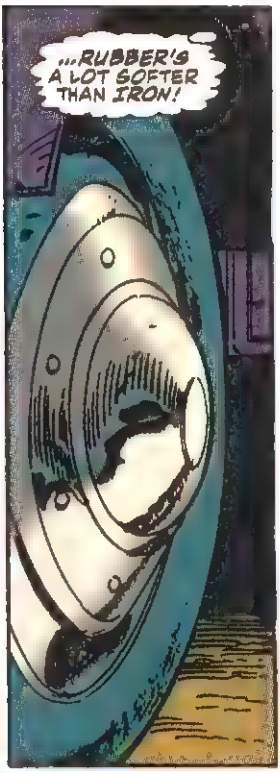
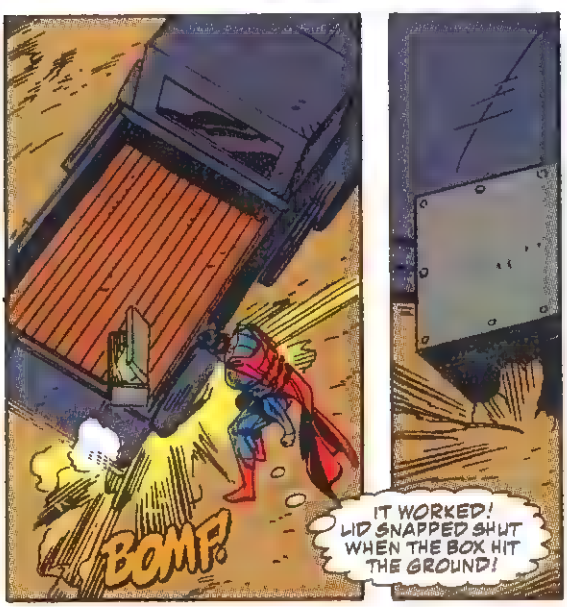

"IT WAS A BABY BOY...
"...DEAD...
"...EITHER FROM EXPOSURE OR STARVATION
"BUT WHAT WAS IN THAT CRATER IS WHAT MADE US SICK TO OUR STOMACHS...
"...AND OUR HEARTS.
"ONLY OTHER THINGS WE SAW WERE THAT GREEN STONE, AND DRAG MARKS LEADIN' TO THE VALE HOUSE NEXT DOOR!
"WHATEVER DOCTOR VALE TOOK, IT MATTERED MORE TO HIM THAN A CHILD'S LIFE!"
BUT A STORM WASHED THE TRACKS AWAY BEFORE THE SHERIFF GOT HERE AND EVEN THOUGH VALE'S A STRANGE ONE--
--ALWAYS BABBLIN' ABOUT AL EN INVASIONS AND THE LIKE--
--THERE WASN'T ANYTHING TO LINK HIM TO THAT BABY WITHOUT EVIDENCE.
LISTEN... I--I...
SAVE IT! WE'RE GONNA GET PROOF OURSELVES! THEN YOUR BOSS IS GONNA PAY FOR WHAT HE DID TO THAT KID!
HEAD'S REELING! DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE KRYPTONITE RADIATION--
--OR THE IDEA THAT IN THIS REALITY, I DIED AS AN INFANT!

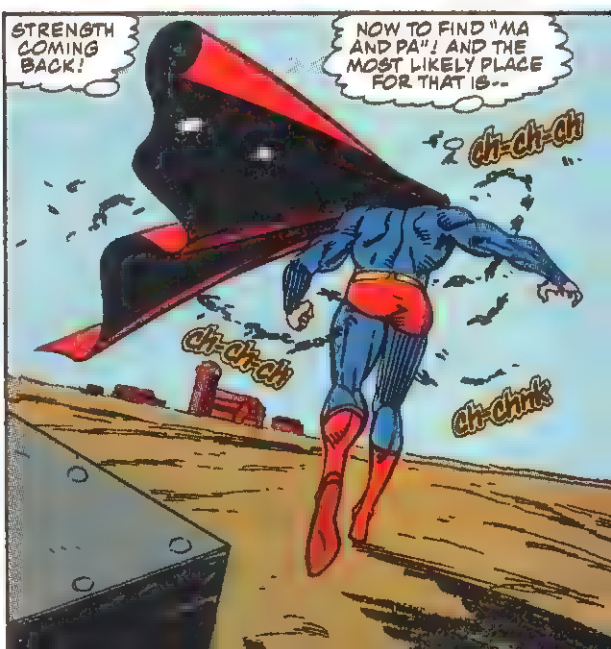

HAVE TO THINK! EMMETT VALE STOLE THE MATRIX SHIP IN MY OWN WORLD!
AND IF THIS VALE IS BLOODTHIRSTY ENOUGH TO LET A BABY DIE, THE KENTS COULD BE IN REAL DANGER!

KRYPTONITE'S WEAKENING ME! CAN'T BREAK THE CHAINS!
CAN'T EVEN MELT THEM WITH HEAT VISION! BUT...


...RUBBER'S A LOT SOFTER THAN IRON!

TOOL BOX MUST BE LINED WITH LEAD! IF IT WASN'T, I'D HAVE SENSED KRYPTONITE BEFORE IT WAS OPENED!
IF I USE HEAT VISION TO POP A TIRE, CAUSE THE TRUCK BED TO TILT...


BOMF!
IT WORKED! LID SNAPPED SHUT WHEN THE BOX HIT THE GROUND!


STRENGTH COMING BACK!
NOW TO FIND "MA AND PA"! AND THE MOST LIKELY PLACE FOR THAT IS--
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ch-ch-ch
ch-chirk

"--THE VALE ESTATE!"
VALE
THAT'S RIGHT, DOC. ME AN' ERNIE CAUGHT 'EM TRYIN' TA SNEAK INTA THE MAIN HOUSE!
PITY.
YOU PEOPLE HAVE NO IDEA OF THE DANGER I ALONE AM TRYING TO STEM!
ALIEN INVASION IS IMMINENT! WE MUST BE PREPARED!
TO THAT END, I'VE DEVELOPED A MACHINE TO BREACH DIMENSIONS, THOUGH TO DATE I'VE ONLY BEEN ABLE TO VIEW THE WORLD NEXT DOOR.
AH, BUT I'VE SEEN WEAPONS THERE, AWESOME WEAPONS! IF I COULD BRING THEM HERE, I COULD STAVE OFF THE STELLAR ASSAULT!

AN ALIEN BY BIRTH.

AN EARTHMAN BY CHOICE.

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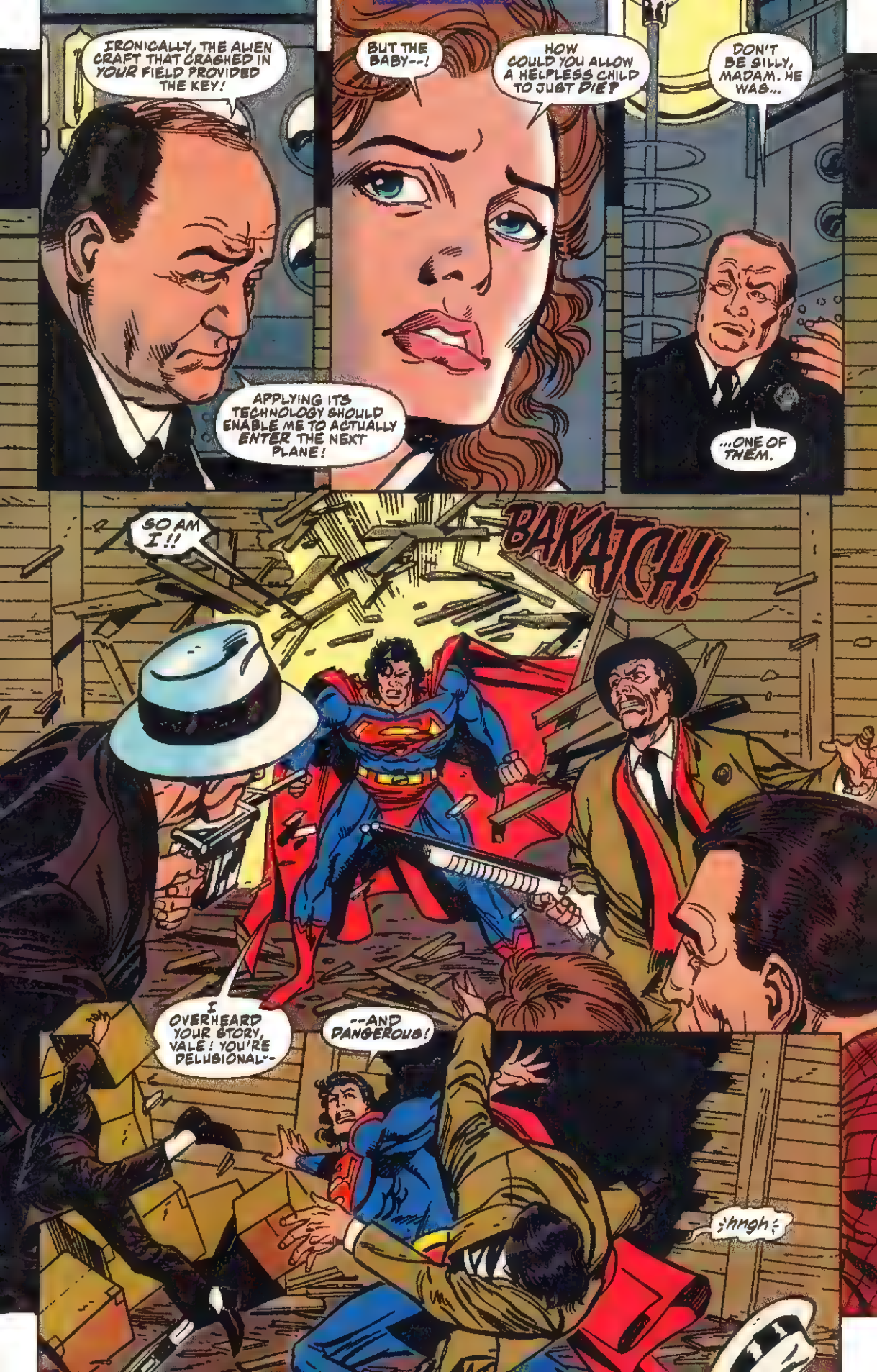
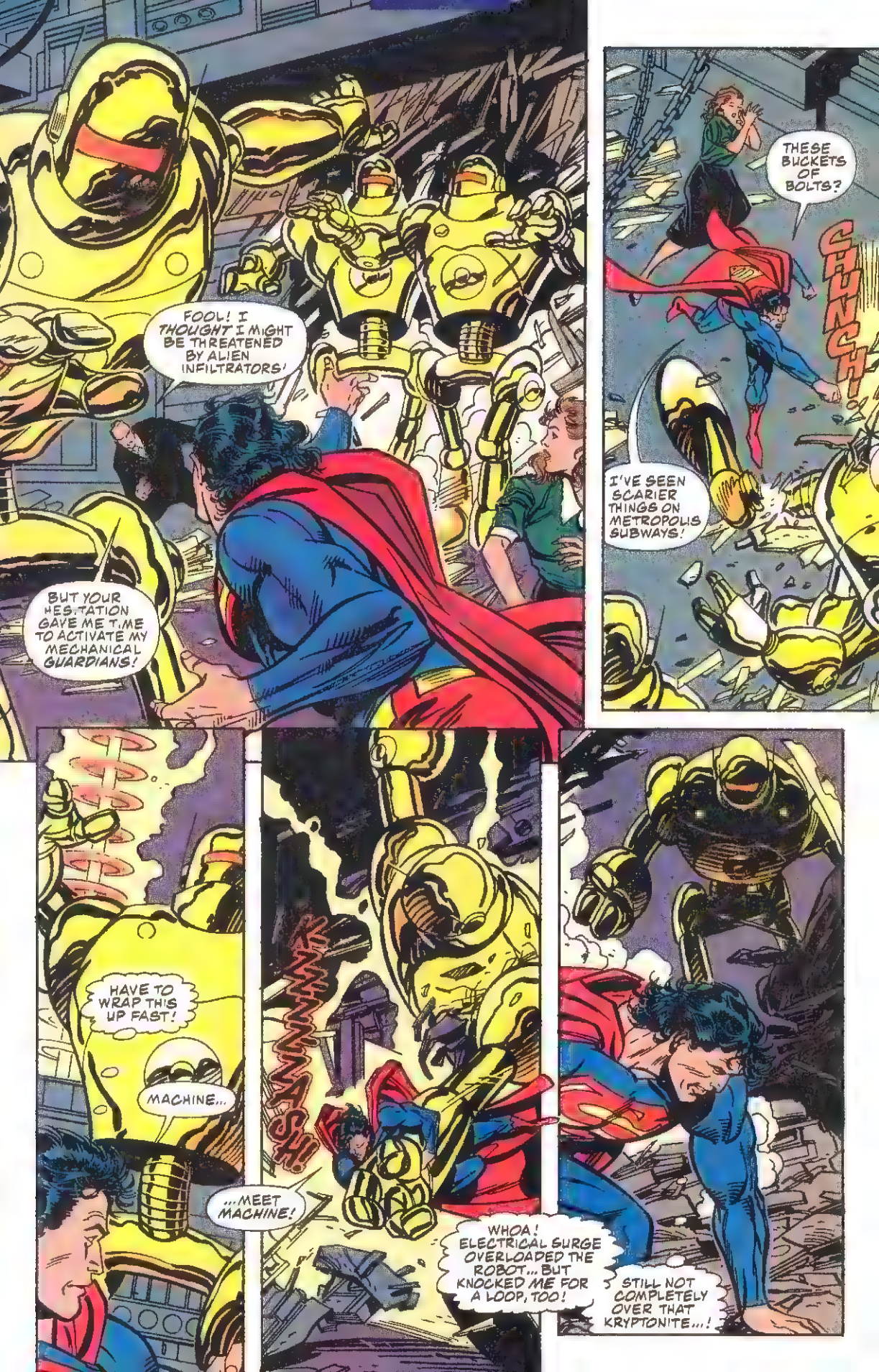
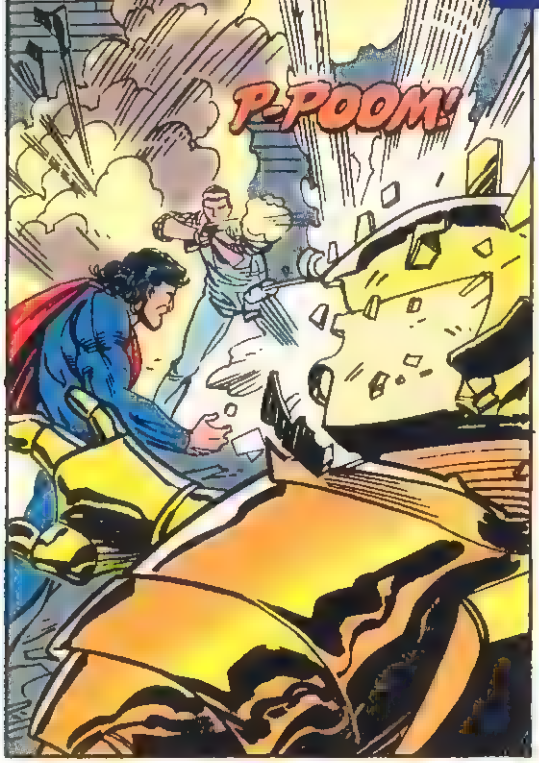
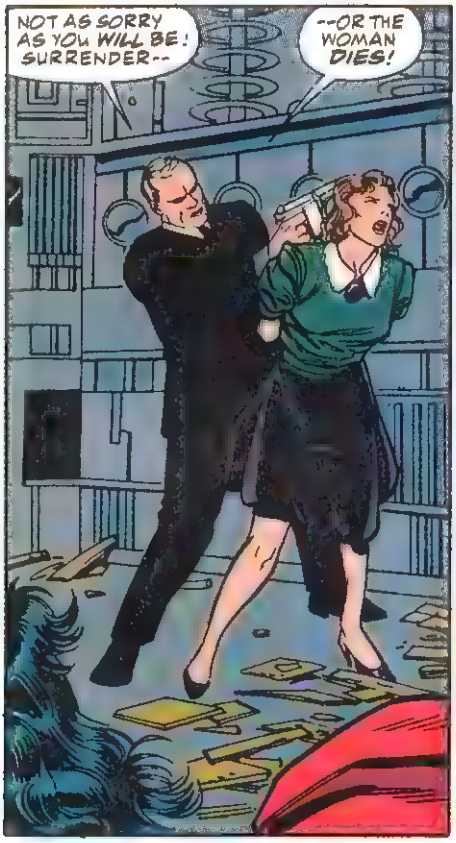

IRONICALLY, THE ALIEN CRAFT THAT CRASHED IN YOUR FIELD PROVIDED THE KEY!
APPLYING ITS TECHNOLOGY SHOULD ENABLE ME TO ACTUALLY ENTER THE NEXT PLANE!
BUT THE BABY--!
HOW COULD YOU ALLOW A HELPLESS CHILD TO JUST DIE?
DON'T BE SILLY, MADAM. HE WAS...
...ONE OF THEM.
SO AM I!!
BAKATCH!
I OVERHEARD YOUR STORY, VALE! YOU'RE DELUSIONAL--
--AND DANGEROUS!
;hngh;

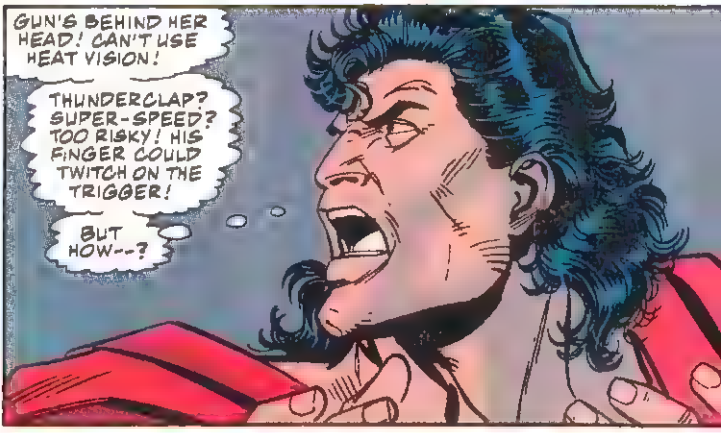
AND I'M SHUTTING YOU DOWN!
TOO LATE! YOUR KIND WILL NEVER PREVAIL OVER EARTH!
I'VE ACTIVATED MY MODIFIED MACHINES--AND THEY'RE WORKING!
A DIMENSIONAL GATEWAY IS OPENING ALREADY! LOOK!
THERE!
WHA--?
MARTHA? IS THAT...?
IT LOOKS LIKE CLARK!
NO! THE WORLD "NEXT DOOR," WITH ITS AWESOME WEAPONS... IS MY WORLD!
THERE'S MA AND PA! AND--
--THEY'RE MOVING AGAIN! DIMENSIONAL LINK MUST HAVE SYNCHRONIZED OUR TIMELINES!
WHICH MEANS MA AND PA MAY ONLY HAVE SECONDS TO LIVE! I'VE GOT TO--

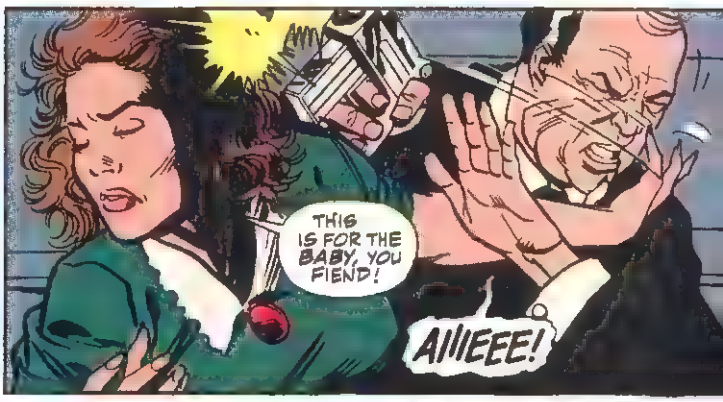

FOOL! I THOUGHT I MIGHT BE THREATENED BY ALIEN INFILTRATORS!
BUT YOUR HESITATION GAVE ME TIME TO ACTIVATE MY MECHANICAL GUARDIANS!
THESE BUCKETS OF BOLTS?
CHUNCH!
I'VE SEEN SCARIER THINGS ON METROPOLIS SUBWAYS!
HAVE TO WRAP THIS UP FAST!
MACHINE...
...MEET MACHINE!
KZZZZZZASH!
WHOA! ELECTRICAL SURGE OVERLOADED THE ROBOT... BUT KNOCKED ME FOR A LOOP, TOO!
STILL NOT COMPLETELY OVER THAT KRYPTONITE...!

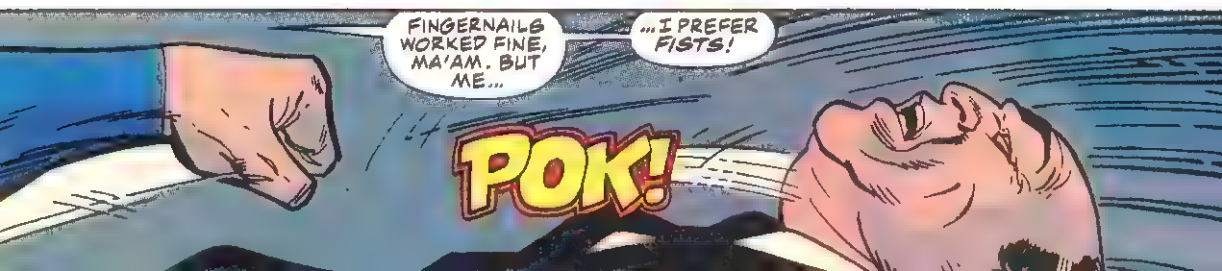

P-POOM!

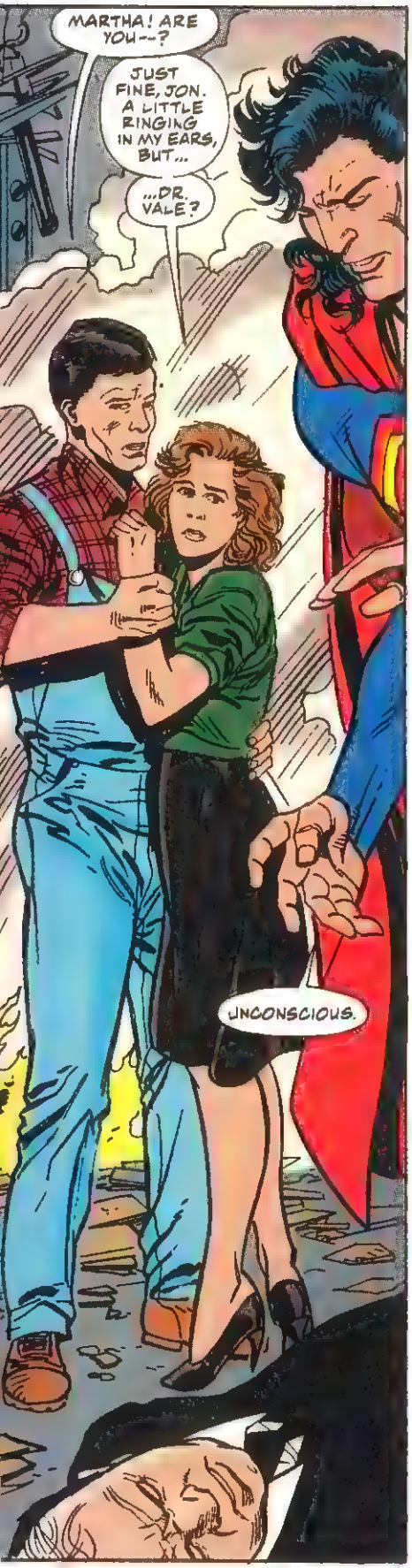
THANKS, UH, MR. KENT!
SON, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, BUT WE WERE WRONG ABOUT YOU!
AND I'M SORRY.

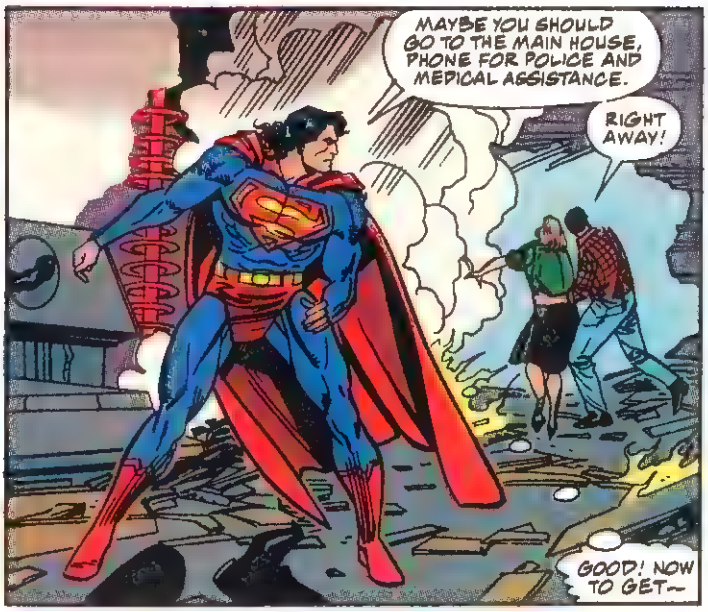

NOT AS SORRY AS YOU WILL BE! SURRENDER--
--OR THE WOMAN DIES!

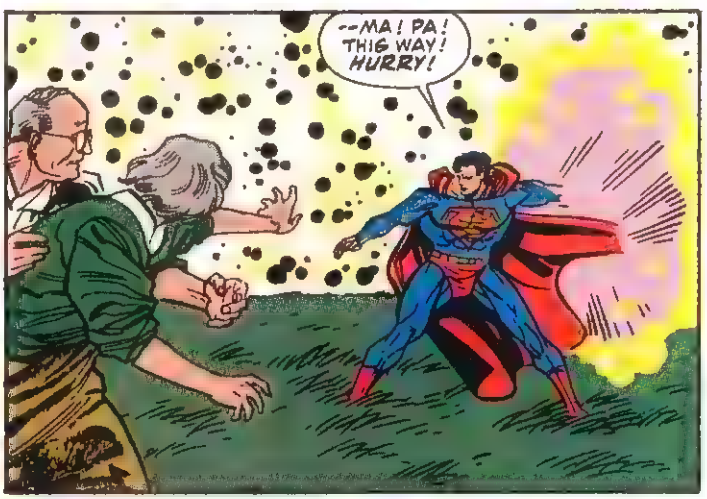

GUN'S BEHIND HER HEAD! CAN'T USE HEAT VISION!
THUNDERCLAP? SUPER-SPEED? TOO RISKY! HIS FINGER COULD TWITCH ON THE TRIGGER!
BUT HOW--?


THIS IS FOR THE BABY, YOU FIEND!
AIIIEEE!

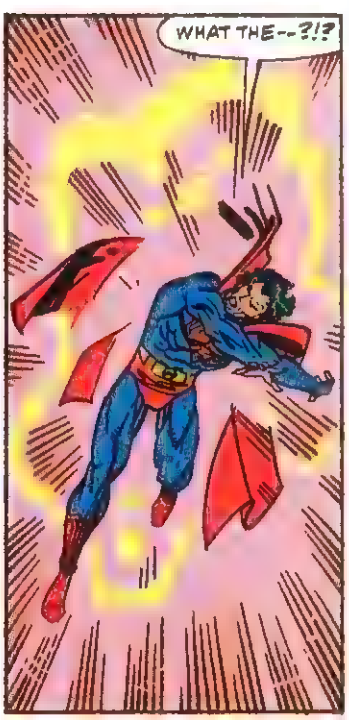

FINGERNAILS WORKED FINE, MA'AM. BUT ME...
...I PREFER FISTS!
POK!


MARTHA! ARE YOU--?
JUST FINE, JON. A LITTLE RINGING IN MY EARS, BUT...
...DR. VALE?
UNCONSCIOUS.


MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO TO THE MAIN HOUSE, PHONE FOR POLICE AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.
RIGHT AWAY!
GOOD! NOW TO GET--


--MA! PA! THIS WAY! HURRY!

WITH THEM SAFE, MAYBE I CAN GET TO METROPOLIS, BRING BACK LOIS AND AS MANY OTHERS AS I CAN BEFORE--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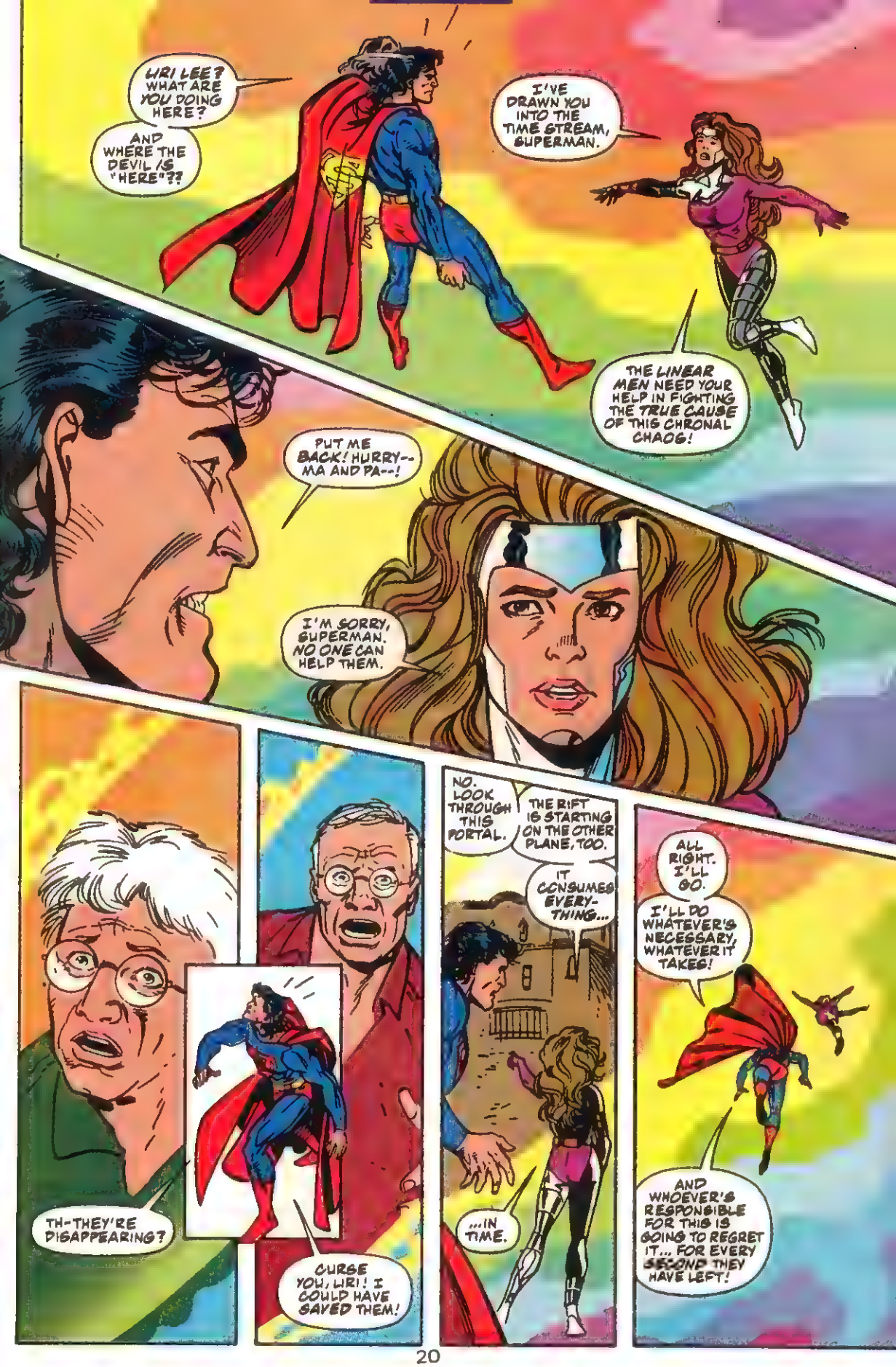
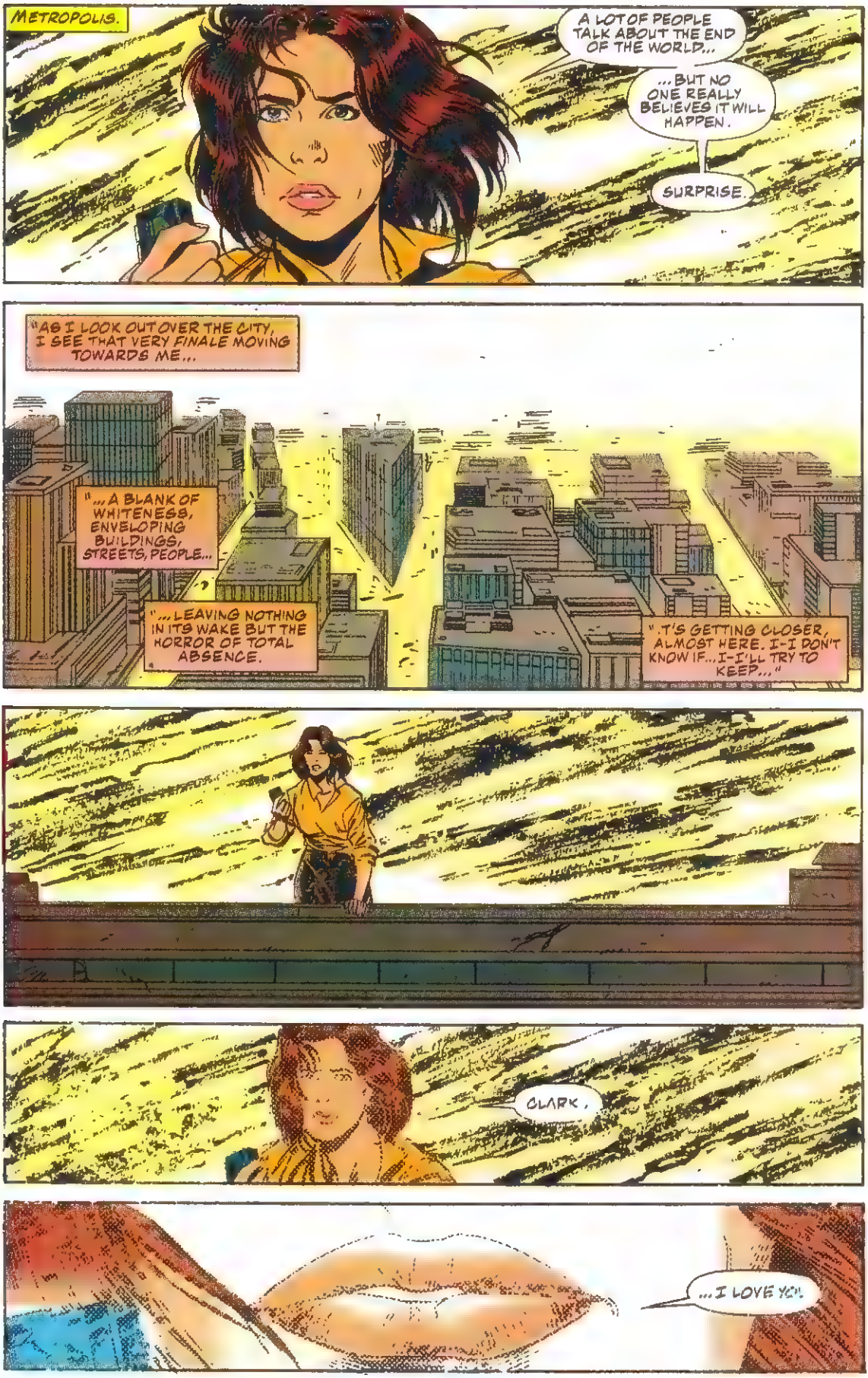
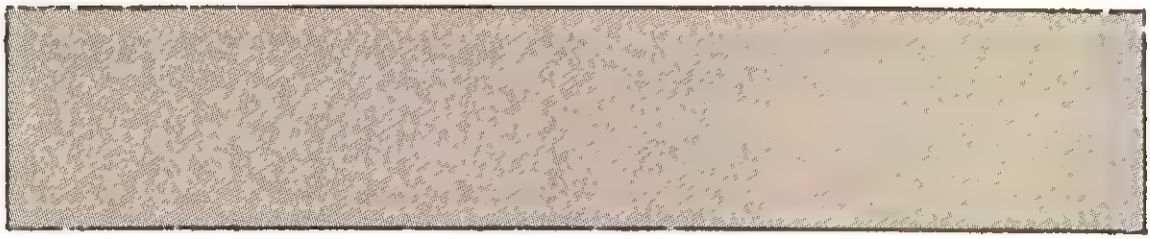

LIRI LEE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
AND WHERE THE DEVIL IS "HERE"??
I'VE DRAWN YOU INTO THE TIME STREAM, SUPERMAN.
THE LINEAR MEN NEED YOUR HELP IN FIGHTING THE TRUE CAUSE OF THIS CHRONAL CHAOS!
PUT ME BACK! HURRY-- MA AND PA--!
I'M SORRY, SUPERMAN. NO ONE CAN HELP THEM.
TH-THEY'RE DISAPPEARING?
CURSE YOU, LIRI! I COULD HAVE SAVED THEM!
NO. LOOK THROUGH THIS PORTAL.
THE RIFT IS STARTING ON THE OTHER PLANE, TOO.
IT CONSUMES EVERY-THING...
...IN TIME.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL GO.
I'LL DO WHATEVER'S NECESSARY, WHATEVER IT TAKES!
AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS IS GOING TO REGRET IT... FOR EVERY SECOND THEY HAVE LEFT!


METROPOLIS.
A LOT OF PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE END OF THE WORLD...
...BUT NO ONE REALLY BELIEVES IT WILL HAPPEN.
SURPRISE.
"AS I LOOK OUT OVER THE CITY, I SEE THAT VERY FINALE MOVING TOWARDS ME...
"...A BLANK OF WHITENESS, ENVELOPING BUILDINGS, STREETS, PEOPLE...
"...LEAVING NOTHING IN ITS WAKE BUT THE HORROR OF TOTAL ABSENCE.
"IT'S GETTING CLOSER, ALMOST HERE. I-I DON'T KNOW IF...I-I'LL TRY TO KEEP..."
CLARK.
...I LOVE YOU.



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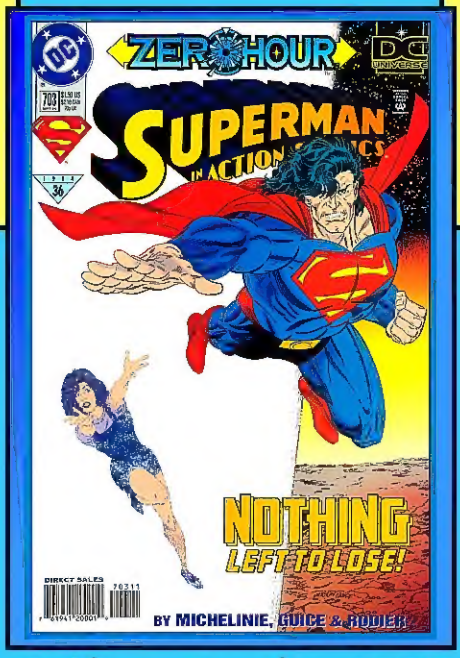

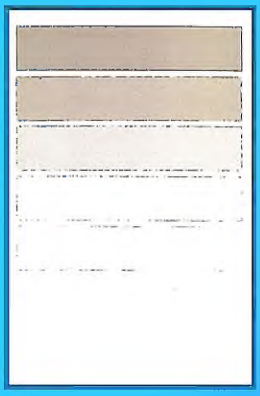

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